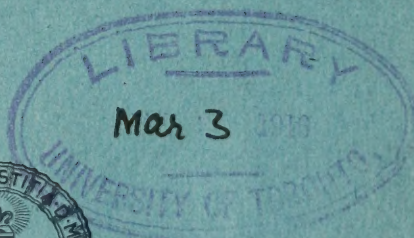






*Handwritten:*  
Inad  
C  
all

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS  
OF PHILADELPHIA  
FOR THE YEAR 1915



REPRINTED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS  
THIRD SERIES, XXXVII, 1915





## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1915

MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the ordinances and By-Laws of the College, I herewith submit the following report of the Library Committee for the year 1915:

Total number of volumes in the Library, including the bound volumes and 10,237 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions" . . . . .	107,782
Number of unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations" . . . . .	12,949
Number of unbound pamphlets . . . . .	90,670

Included in the above total there are 3,454 volumes known as "reserves," consisting of second copies of some of the more important periodical publications, and 3,010 volumes more or less incomplete.

The duplicates, which are not included in the above total, number 4,899.

The following table shows the number of volumes in the various divisions of the Library:

	Bound.	Incomplete and unbound.	Total.
General Library . . . . .	77,178	2,963	80,141
Lewis Library . . . . .	13,586	44	13,630
On permanent deposit:			
S. D. Gross Library . . . . .	3,545	9	3,557
Library of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia . . . . .	217	..	217
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			97,545



Received during the year from all sources 3,724 volumes, 12,522 pamphlets and 20,790 numbers of various periodicals.

Divided as follows:

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Journals.
General Library . . . . .	3,112	12,484	20,790
Lewis Library . . . . .	11		
S. D. Gross Library . . . . .	9		
By Purchase from General Fund . . . . .	288		
In Exchange . . . . .	304	38	
	<hr/> 3,724	<hr/> 12,522	<hr/> 20,790

Accessions (including 170 volumes "reserves"):

General Library . . . . .	2,065
Lewis Library . . . . .	11
S. D. Gross Library . . . . .	9
	<hr/> 2,085

Total increase in number of volumes for the year, 2,085.

Photographs received in response to requests sent out during the year:

Fellows of the College, 148.

Foreign, 79.

Total number of portraits listed, 6,690.

The individual "donors" for the year ending November 1, 1915, number 461; this represents 860 distinct presentations. Each gift is duly acknowledged and properly recorded.

The following list shows the donations of 25 volumes or more, and the number of volumes presented by the various publishing houses:

	Volumes.
Dr. Morris Longstreth . . . . .	596
Dr. J. S. Gibb . . . . .	188
Dr. Edward Martin . . . . .	141
Dr. Charles K. Mills . . . . .	125
Dr. E. H. Siter . . . . .	105
Dr. Franklin Mathews . . . . .	79
Dr. G. S. Crampton . . . . .	62
Dr. John M. Cruice . . . . .	59
Dr. William H. Bennett . . . . .	50
Dr. William W. Keen . . . . .	48
Dr. John K. Mitchell . . . . .	45
Dr. H. W. Stelwagon . . . . .	45
Dr. John T. Carpenter . . . . .	41
Dr. Hobart A. Hare . . . . .	41
Dr. Alfred C. Wood . . . . .	38
Dr. Addinell Hewson . . . . .	36
Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz . . . . .	36
Dr. Clarence Hoffman . . . . .	35
Dr. J. C. Gittings . . . . .	34
Dr. James C. Wilson . . . . .	33
Dr. George B. Wood . . . . .	25

From the publishing houses of:

P. Blakiston's Son & Co. . . . .	30
F. A. Davis Company . . . . .	11
Lea & Febiger . . . . .	14
J. B. Lippincott Company . . . . .	20
Longmans, Green & Co. . . . .	1
W. B. Saunders Company . . . . .	59
William Wood & Co. . . . .	10

The Library is indebted for large gifts of pamphlets and unbound periodicals to the following donors:

Dr. Oscar H. Allis	Dr. William W. Keen
Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. John A. Kolmer
Dr. John Aulde	Dr. Theodore LeBoutillier
Dr. Charles Baum	Dr. Robert G. LeConte
Dr. William H. Bennett	Messrs. J. B. Lippincott Company
Messrs. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	Dr. Morris Longstreth
Dr. Henry W. Cattell	Dr. Edward Martin
Dr. Burton Chance	Dr. Charles K. Mills
Dr. John M. Cruice	Dr. John K. Mitchell
Dr. Charles H. Frazier	Dr. Elliston J. Morris
Dr. John S. Gibb	Dr. Charles C. Norris
Dr. J. C. Gittings	Dr. Maurice Ostheimer
Dr. E. H. Goodman	Dr. John B. Roberts
Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith	Messrs. W. B. Saunders Company
Dr. Alfred Hand, Jr.	Dr. George E. de Schweinitz
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	Dr. William M. Welch
Dr. J. Norman Henry	Dr. Henry R. Wharton
Dr. Addinell Hewson	Dr. J. William White
Dr. Howard K. Hill	Dr. James C. Wilson
Dr. A. Bern Hirsh	Dr. Alfred C. Wood
Dr. C. J. Jones	Dr. H. C. Wood
Dr. Charles F. Judson	Dr. M. W. Zimmerman

574 new publications were added to the Library during the past year. 52 of these were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

24 volumes were presented by the following authors or editors:

Francis G. Benedict, Esq.	Dr. Thomas McCrae (editor)
Dr. W. M. Brickner (compiler)	Dr. Leon C. Márquez
Dr. Charles W. Burr (editor)	Dr. J. Ewing Mears
Dr. Clifford B. Farr	Dr. Francis R. Packard (editor)
Dr. Martin H. Fischer	Dr. Paul Röthig
Dr. L. F. Frank	Dr. B. Samper
Dr. Hobart A. Hare (editor)	Dr. H. B. Sheffield
Dr. J. C. Hemmeter	Dr. H. A. Vermeulen
Dr. Edward Jackson (editor)	Dr. James C. White
Dr. Joseph Leidy	



28 volumes were sent by the publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. Henry W. Cattell (editor)	Dr. Charles K. Mills
Dr. W. A. N. Dorland (editor)	Dr. Henry Morris
Dr. Edward B. Gleason	Dr. Charles E. de M. Sajous
Dr. J. P. Crozer Griffith	Dr. Jay F. Schamberg
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	Dr. Alfred Stengel
Dr. John A. Kolmer	Dr. A. A. Stevens
Dr. D. Braden Kyle	Dr. Francis T. Stewart
Dr. Henry Leffmann	Dr. Benjamin A. Thomas
Dr. Guthrie McConnell	Dr. James Tyson
Dr. R. Tait McKenzie	Dr. James C. Wilson

### Summary of the Funds:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund . . . . .	26	\$89.19
Luther S. Bent Fund . . . . .	11	14.65
William T. Carter Fund . . . . .	28	91.69
Girardus Clarkson Fund . . . . .	8	25.25
Francis X. Dercum Fund . . . . .	33	88.85
Louis A. Duhring Fund . . . . .	4	82.13
John D. Griscom Fund . . . . .	32	99.63
William F. Jenks Fund . . . . .	40	116.38
Oliver A. Judson Fund . . . . .	5	(Paid 1913-1914)
William V. and John M. Keating Fund . . . . .	13	21.04
William W. Keen Fund . . . . .	36	72.39
Library Endowment Fund . . . . .	91	365.81
Horace Magee Memorial Fund . . . . .	110	362.09
J. Ewing Mears Fund . . . . .	13	42.24
Charles K. Mills Fund . . . . .	00	0.00
Wier Mitchell Fund . . . . .	23	78.62
John H. Musser Fund . . . . .	5	10.77
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund . . . . .	11	21.88
William F. Norris Fund . . . . .	18	59.55
Charles A. Oliver Fund . . . . .	3	6.23
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund . . . . .	2	9.63
Lewis Rodman Fund . . . . .	17	47.00
Douglas Stockton Warren Fund . . . . .	15	39.30
John F. Weightman Fund . . . . .	7	20.32
Caspar Wistar Fund . . . . .	20	86.06
	<hr/> 571	<hr/> \$1,850.70

## Special Accounts:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Fund for completing files of journals . . . . .	25	\$94.81
Fund for rare and valuable books . . . . .	15	1,002.91
Journal Association . . . . .	11	16.09
New Book Fund . . . . .	8	15.77
S. D. Gross Library Account . . . . .	5	42.16
	<hr/> 64	<hr/> \$1,171.74

George B. Wood Fund for Library supplies, stationery, etc.  
Expended, \$135.25.

	1915.	1914.	Decrease.
Books bound . . . . .	953	1813	860
Number of visitors to the Library	8,270	8,469	199
[Fellows of the College . . . . .]	3,263	3,818	555]

The Library has been kept open two evenings each week and on the six minor legal holidays, for the same hours and period of time, as during the preceding year.

	1915 (75 evenings).	1914 (78 evenings).	Increase.
Visitors, evening . . . . .	690	462	228
[Fellows of the College . . . . .]	186	145	41]
			Decrease.
Visitors, legal holidays . . . . .	125	154	29
[Fellows of the College . . . . .]	24	49	25]

The above figures are included in the total number of visitors for the year.

	1915.	1914.	Increase.
Number of books consulted in the Library . . . . .	25,770	24,000	1,770

The number of books reported as "consulted in the Library" includes only those supplied by the Librarian or his assistants. Readers have access to the bound volumes kept in the Reading-room, and the Fellows of the College have access to the Book-

stacks. There are therefore a great many volumes consulted of which no accurate record can be kept.

	1915.	1914.	Increase.
Number of books taken out . . . . .	4,799	4,301	498
	Works.	Volumes.	Cards written.
Cataloguing . . . . .	815	957	12,028

All the books added to the shelves during the past year, and 136 of the more important pamphlets have been catalogued, and each volume has been accessioned and shelf-listed.

11,946 unbound pamphlets and reprints have been subject-headed and arranged alphabetically by subject, and by author under the subject.

Revision of catalogue: Number of cards revised, typewritten, examined and filed for the year ending November 1, 1915: 13,320.

The revision of the catalogue has been completed as far as the subject "Urotropin" in the second series of the "Index-Catalogue."

The current periodical publications, including "Transactions" and "Reports," received as issued, at this time are received through the following sources:

	American.	Foreign.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund . . . . .	0	13
Dr. A. P. Brubaker . . . . .	1	0
William T. Carter Fund . . . . .	2	10
Francis X. Dercum Fund . . . . .	0	12
Louis A. Duhring Fund . . . . .	1	3
John D. Griscom Fund . . . . .	2	34
Samuel D. Gross Library Account . . . . .	0	3
William F. Jenks Fund . . . . .	2	16
Journal Association . . . . .	1	7
Oliver A. Judson Fund . . . . .	0	1
William V. and John M. Keating Fund . . . . .	0	7
William W. Keen Fund . . . . .	2	10
Library Endowment Fund . . . . .	4	105
Horace Magee Fund . . . . .	0	1
J. Ewing Mears Fund . . . . .	0	2
Weir Mitchell Fund . . . . .	1	29
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund . . . . .	0	1
Carried forward . . . . .	16	254



	American.	Foreign.
Brought forward . . . . .	16	254
William F. Norris Fund . . . . .	1	9
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund . . . . .	0	7
Lewis Rodman Fund . . . . .	0	13
John F. Weightman Fund . . . . .	0	4
Caspar Wistar Fund . . . . .	1	9
By Purchase from General Account . . . . .	31	367
In Exchange . . . . .	93	91
Editors . . . . .	123	20
Publishers . . . . .	51	1

In addition, current numbers of periodicals are received, at stated intervals, through the courtesy of the editors and editorial staff of the following journals:

American Journal of the Medical Sciences	160	60
Medical World		
Therapeutic Gazette		
	476	835

Total number of periodicals received at this date, 1,311.

New subscriptions added during the past year: American 13; foreign, 41. Total, 54.

We exchange publications with the following schools of medicine:

University of Amsterdam	University of Königsberg
.. Basel	.. Lausanne
.. Berlin	.. Leiden
.. Bern	.. Leipzig
.. Bonn	.. Liège
.. Breslau	.. Lund
.. Erlangen	.. Marburg
.. Geneva	.. Rostock
.. Giessen	.. Strassburg
.. Göttingen	.. Upsala
.. Griefswald	.. Utrecht
.. Halle	.. Würzburg
.. Heidelberg	.. Zurich
.. Kiel	
Faculty of Medicine of Bruxelles	
.. ..	.. Paris
.. ..	.. Toulouse
.. ..	.. Yucatan

The above list of exchanges has been allowed to stand, but on account of the conditions in Europe, only the following institutions have been heard from during the year: Amsterdam, Basel, Bern, Leiden, and Lund. Inquiries have been made in regard to the Paris theses for the school year 1913-1914, but up to the present time no satisfactory answer has been received. The Bureau of International Exchanges will deliver parcels only to certain places, according to a printed circular received; in consequence, our "Transactions" for the past year have not been delivered to a number of foreign exchanges. These will be held until conditions are such that our exchange of publications can be resumed.

116 dissertations have been received, and of these 60 were added to the Library during the year.

We have received for the current year ending November 1, 1915, in cash, from the sale of duplicates, \$133.23.

We have an exchange, arranged on a cash basis, with two New York dealers, and have received during the past year books and journals valued at \$137.00; and have a balance to our credit of \$137.42.

During the year we have distributed duplicate books and journals on exchange account to the following:

Boston Medical Library  
 Denver Medical Library  
 Medical Library Association  
 Schuylkill County Medical Society  
 Washington University Medical Library

Returns have been received from Boston Medical Library, Medical Library Association and the Washington University Medical Library.

With the aid of exchanges, and by purchase from funds appropriated for the purpose by the Library Committee, we have, since November 1, 1914, completed our files of the following journals:

American Journal of Ophthalmology. St. Louis  
 Deutsche Medizinal-Zeitung. Berlin  
 Hahnemannian Monthly. Philadelphia  
 Revue Générale d'Histologie. Paris

Amount of fines collected from November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915, \$37.10.

The following is a list of the rare medical books and works of special interest received during the past year:

*Incunabula*

[Total number of incunabula at this date, 187.]

Aegidius Columna. [De regimine principum.] Romae, Planck, 1482. F°. [Hain no. 108.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Albertus Magnus. [Physicorum sive de physico auditu libri octo.] Venetiis, de Forlivio, 1488. F°. [Hain no. 518.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Aristotelis. [Opera graece.] Venetiis, Aldus, 1495-98. 5 vols. F°. [Hain no. 1657.]

A superb copy of the first edition of the work of Aristotle, printed in Greek characters. The value of this work is increased by the fact that it was one of the earliest examples of books printed entirely in Greek characters. Dr. Fielding H. Garrison says: "The greatest scientific name after Hippocrates is that of the 'Master of those who knew' the Asclepiad Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) who gave to medicine the beginnings of zoölogy, comparative anatomy and embryology, and the use of formal logic as an instrument of precision."

Presented by Henry Reed Hatfield, Esq.

Bergomensis, J. P. [Supplementum chronicarum.] [Venetiis], Bernardinus de Banaliis, 1483. F°. [Hain no. 2805.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Ficinus Florentinus, Marsilius. De triplici vita. [Parisiis, Wolf, ca. 1492.] 16°. [Copinger no. 2497.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Firmicus Maternus, Julius. De nativitatibus. Venetiis, Simon de Bevilacqua, 1497. F°. [Hain no. 7121 bis.]

This is a first edition with a good example of a Xylographic Gothic title, and a woodcut printer's device on the last page. This work is quite rare, and, while not medical as a whole, contains much pertaining to medicine.

Presented by Drs. Charles W. Burr and Edward B. Krumbhaar.



Jung, Ambrosius. [Tractatus perutilis de pestilentia ex diversis auctoribus congregatus.] Augsburg, Schonsperger, 1494. 4°. [Hain no. 9473.]

A rare German incunabulum.

Presented by Drs. James M. Anders, Thomas G. Ashton, George M. Boyd, Charles W. Burr, Barton Cooke Hirst, David Riesman, Joseph Sailer, James C. Wilson, George Woodward and Sir William Osler, Bart.

Lactantius Firmianus, L.C. [Opera.] [Venice], 1471. F°. [Hain no. 9809.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Rodericus Sanctius. Bishop of Zamora. [Speculum vitae humanae.] Augsburg, Zainer, 1471. F°. [Hain no. 13940.]

A very rare and beautiful specimen from the first press at Augsburg. This is the earliest dated book in the Library of the College, and, while not a medical work, contains a number of passages relating to medical subjects.

Presented by Drs. George E. de Schweinitz and Richard H. Harte.

Serapion [Joan] the younger. [Liber Serapionis aggregatus in medicinis simplicibus.] Venetiis, Raynaldus de Novimagio, 1479. F°. [Hain no. 14692.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Wirecker, Nigellus. [Speculum stultorum.] [Leipzig, Kachelosen, ca. 1494.] 8°. [Hain no. 16217.]

Fund for Rare Books.

### *Works of Special Interest*

Bayle, Pierre. Dictionnaire historique et critique. 3 ed. Rotterdam, Bohm, 1720. 4 vols. F°.

This bibliographical dictionary is considered Bayle's masterpiece.

It was first issued in 1695-97 and has become quite rare.

Presented by Dr. Richard H. Harte.

Brandt, Sebastian. [Stultafera navis.] [Basel, Joh. Bergmann de Olpe, 1505.] 8°.

This book is a Latin version, by Jacobus Locher, of Sebastian Brandt's famous "Das Narrenschiff" (Ship of Fools), which first appeared in 1494. This copy lacks the title page and several pages of text.

Presented by Dr. Edward B. Krumbhaar.

Cardanus, Hieronymus. *Metaposcopia*. Lutitiae Parisiorum, Jolly, 1658. F°.

This book is quite rare, not having been included in the collected editions of the works of Cardanus.

Presented by Dr. John K. Mitchell.

Carmona, J. *Tractatus de peste ac febribus cum particularis*. Hispali, Maldonado, [1582]. 24°.

By Purchase.

Clark, James. *Treatise on the yellow fever as it appeared in the island of Dominica in the years 1793-4-5-6*. London, Murray, 1797.

By Purchase.

Goodall, Charles. *The Royal College of Physicians of London*. London, Kettilby, 1684. 8°.

Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart.

Ingram, Dale. *Historical account of the several plagues that have appeared in the world since 1346*. London, Baldwin, 1755. 8°.

Fund for Rare Books.

Mercado, Luiz. *Libellus de essentia causis, signis, et curatione febris malignae*. Pinciae, D.F. à Corduba, 1574. 24°.

By Purchase.

Pirogoff, N. I. *Anatome topographica*. Petropoli, Trey, 1859. 5 vols. F°.

Pirogoff, the greatest Russian surgeon of his time, is remembered today by his operation of amputation of the foot—"Pirogoff's amputation;" but his *Anatomy*, a monumental work of great value, in which frozen sections were first used in the process of illustration, seems almost unknown to the present generation. Complete copies are quite rare.

Fund for Rare Books.

Priestley, Joseph. *Directions for impregnating water with fixed air*. London, Johnson, 1772.

Presented by Sir William Osler, Bart.

Röslin, Eucharius. *Der swangern Frauen und Heebamen Rosengarten*. Argentine, Flach, 1513. 4°.

First edition of the first work printed on obstetrics. This work is based on a manuscript by Moschion, a writer of the second century. The "*Rosengarten*" was translated into English by Thomas Raynald, under the title "*The Birth of Mankynd*." The binding is an excellent example of early sixteenth century German work.

Presented by Drs. James M. Anders, Thomas G. Ashton, George M. Boyd, Charles W. Burr, Barton Cooke Hirst, David Riesman, Joseph Sailer, James C. Wilson, George Woodward and Sir William Osler, Bart.

Sophia, Marsiliis de Sancta. Opus aureum ac preclarum, de recenti memoria in luces traditum. Lugduni, 1517. 12°.

Fund for Rare Books.

*Other Interesting Additions*

Aesculapius. Photograph of a statue.

Presented by Dr. James V. Ingham.

American Association for the Advancement of Science. Silver badge, 1914.

Presented by Dr. W. W. Keen.

Cow-Pock, or the Wonderful Effects of Inoculation. Engraving.

Presented by Miss Mary Lee.

Duhring, Louis A. Portrait in oils by H. H. Breckenridge.

Ordered by Resolution of the College.

La Roche, René. Portrait in oils. (Artist unknown.)

Presented by J. Percy Keating, Esq.

Purgation-Calendar, 1453. Facsimile of original, printed in Gutenberg types, in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

Presented by Dr. Fielding H. Garrison.

Vesalius, Andreas. Engraving of the painting "Vesalius Demonstrating."

In Exchange.

We have also received during the year many interesting and more or less valuable autograph letters.

Through the generosity of Dr. Francis R. Packard, the Library Committee have been enabled to have additional steel cases erected in the "Packard Room" to give much needed space for our growing collection of bound manuscripts.

The figures in the present report show a decrease in the total number of visitors to the Library (199), as well as a decrease in the number of visits made by Fellows of the College (555). On the other hand, there is an increase in the number of books consulted (1770), and an increase in the number of books taken out (498). The "Study-rooms" have been in demand throughout the year, the average number of volumes called for and retained in these rooms being 175, an average increase of 9.



The predictions made last year in regard to the effects of the war in Europe upon this Library, as to the receipt of foreign medical literature, have, we regret to say, been fully verified. Something like two hundred and fifty periodicals have ceased to arrive, while some twenty others are received only at irregular intervals. With a few exceptions, the subscriptions for these journals were paid in advance to our agents in New York, Paris and London, and it is our understanding that the journals will be supplied, or the amount of subscriptions returned; but there is a possibility that we may suffer some loss before all matters are adjusted. Our agents, in response to various complaints, have offered to order subscriptions sent direct from the publishing offices of the journals if we would be responsible for loss in transit. This has not been deemed advisable on account of the difficulty in obtaining missing numbers, some of which, possibly, could not be replaced. Most of the books received during the year, other than English and French, have come through Amsterdam. No dissertations or theses have been received from the war zone, and it is likely that none have been issued.

In comparison with the number of new publications received during the year 1913, for instance, there is a loss of about 90 per cent. of the books published in the French language; about 69 per cent. of the books published in the German language, and about 34 per cent. in the publications of Great Britain.

The effect is also shown indirectly in the decreased totals of several items in this report: number of volumes bound, number of volumes purchased from the "Funds," and the total increase in the number of volumes added to the Library during the year.

With the return to normal conditions in the affairs of Europe we will make an immediate effort to obtain the periodical publications and books that have been issued during the period of disturbance, and, whenever this time occurs, it will make a somewhat unusual call upon the funds in the hands of the Library Committee; so, possibly, this matter should be taken into consideration at the present time. The expenditure for books from the income from the "Funds" has been \$1,202.51 less than during 1914.

During the past year the Library Endowment Funds have been increased by the Louis A. Duhring Book Fund, \$5,000.00, and the Louis A. Duhring Library Fund, \$181,122.02.

Total amount of Library Endowment Funds at this date, \$292,318.85.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,  
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR,  
*Chairman.*

GEORGE W. NORRIS, M.D.,  
ASTLEY P. C. ASHHURST, M.D.,  
FRANCIS X. DERCUM, M.D.,  
CHARLES W. BURR, M.D.

FREDERICK P. HENRY, M.D.,  
*Honorary Librarian.*

CHARLES PERRY FISHER,  
*Librarian.*

TWENTY-SECOND STREET ABOVE CHESTNUT,  
PHILADELPHIA, U. S. A.









